

EXTREME MAKEOVER HOME EDITION COVERAGE

Campus ministries send volunteers to Chapman Extreme Makeover

By Sydney Eagleton
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Several campus ministries are sending volunteers to help with the “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” crew that is working on a house in Chapman, Kan.

“It’s a great way to serve people in need, and it’s a great way for our students to be able to do something meaningful together,” said Jason Coorts, director of Campus Crusade for Christ.

The Extreme Makeover team contacted officials in 10 Kansas communities and asked them to provide 200 volunteers each, said David Jones, campus pastor for CrossRoads of ECM. Jones said one campus minister heard about the opportunity and passed it along to the other K-State campus ministries.

In turn, Jones passed the announcement to students he knew would be interested in helping.

Along with Campus Crusade for Christ and CrossRoads, there is a partner ministry from Topeka made up of Washburn students that also will send volunteers.

Sam Creagar, junior in family studies and human services, is leading a group of students from the Ichthus campus ministry, and he said a group from Christian Challenge also is sending volunteers. Students helping out from the Manhattan minis-

tries start shifts tonight, Coorts said.

“They are basically there on call, and they will be waiting in a heated tent because they’re working 24/7,” Jones said. “They wait until the production crew summons them to help with a particular project.”

Volunteers will help with a variety of projects, from picking up trash to construction or parking cars, Jones said. Shifts last four hours each. During their



shifts, volunteers do whatever the crew tells them to do, Coorts said.

“I know there’s proba-

bly over a hundred that are participating as a result of the e-mails sent out,” Jones said.



Riding classes were canceled on Thursday due to inclement weather. Training assistants at Hope Ranch, **Chelsea Nunn**, sophomore in communication science and disorders, laughs with **Maggie Marolda**, sophomore in early childhood education, on Thursday.



The modified English saddle is used for some riders at the Hope Ranch. The Hope Ranch therapeutic riding center uses horses to provide emotional and physical therapy.

Saddle up

Ranch seeks volunteers for riding classes

By Amelia Wiederaenders and Whitney Hodgkin
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Hope Ranch, a free therapeutic riding center for individuals with physical, emotional and developmental challenges is looking for volunteers to help with their programs. Without volunteers, the ranch cannot operate and must turn away hopeful riders, said Hope Ranch President Ken Scroggs.

Anyone can volunteer, and will receive free training in handling horses and working with disabled individuals before they are able to lead riding sessions. Classes are offered once a week for 10-week sessions; the next session will begin the third week of January, and applications for volunteers are accepted at any time.

Riders range from children to adults and even soldiers from Ft. Riley who are coping with injuries and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

“Injured soldiers from Ft. Riley benefit from the balance work [provided by riding] and the need to be mobilized. It gives them a chance do something relaxing and let down their guard and be themselves for a while,” Scroggs said. “When you’re riding a horse, the walk is kind of an exaggerated human walk, so physically the

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Yosakoi dances provides insight to Japanese life

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

At approximately 7 p.m., the members of the K-State Japanese Yosakoi Dance Club appear in the K-State Student Union Courtyard and begin shifting chairs and tables to the outer perimeter of the area to make room.

Cami Riblett, president and captain of the club, sets up a speaker system on a relocated table, as QiuXia Chen, vice president and head captain, opens a container of cookies on the same table.

After a brief group-led stretch, Riblett calls, “Yosakoi!” and the group takes formation.

Yosakoi is Japanese for “Please come at night.” Chen said Yosakoi is a dance that originates from the traditional Bon Odori festival dancing. It was cre-

ated as a method to ease the depression in Japan after World War II.

The dancers’ costumes are ornate; their black hakama pants are considered to be the dress of the samurai, and they display a Zen symbol on the right leg. Members also wear hachimaki on their heads, which were traditionally worn by Japanese workers to keep sweat out of their eyes.

As the Yosakoi members begin to move across the courtyard floor, the intricacies of the dance is not simply movement to the music’s rhythm – each dance has meaning that represents the daily lives of Japanese people.

Chen described Soranbushi-suiheisen as a dance which represents the sea horizon that is familiar to all Japanese. Nami represents the crashing of the waves. Basara is a dance of

the housewives, depicting their daily lives from doing daily chores to playing janken-pon, the Japanese version of rock, paper, scissors, Chen said.

Michael Zimmerman, freshman in history, participated in Yosakoi while in high school but said the experience does not compare to his training with the K-State Yosakoi club.

“As far as performing goes, I think it’s pretty exciting,” he said. “In high school, my Japanese teacher had a Yosakoi group, but it was never as complicated as what we do here.”


The movements are quick and lively. While dancing through the Courtyard, it looks as though each dancer is celebrating as they jump, raise their arms and shout various Japanese phrases that complement their dance.

During certain perfor-

mances, the dancers also wield small instruments called naruko. Chen said that naruko are Japanese castanets that are hung over rice fields to scare away crows. The castanets

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During one of the Yosakoi Dance Club meetings, **Yuko Fukunaga**, senior in Spanish and business, practices the festival dancing.

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Predeesh Chandran and Jianxiu Yao will make their research proposals at the Entomology Department Seminar at 1:30 p.m. today in Waters 129. Snacks and coffee will be served at 1 p.m.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Carolina Feoli at 10 a.m. today in Weber 146.

Student volunteers will be at every stadium entrance handing out plastic recycling bags at Saturday's home football game. Tailgaters can place their bottles and cans in the bags, and they will be picked up and recycled after the game.

Manhattan High School Performing Arts presents the madcap Roaring '20s musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. Saturday in Rezac Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Adult tickets are \$7 and \$5 for students. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.

Praise of the Peoples II will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday at University Christian Church. The event is for international and American friends who will sing and pray together in 10 or

more languages. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert native to their home country to share with others.

K-State TV will air a three-hour special presentation called "JAZZATHON" at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings through November. "JAZZATHON" is a showcase of the area's best jazz artists featuring K-State music faculty, students and guests. The program promises a blend of jazz styles and performances.

Blue Key Senior Honorary will sponsor "Catalyst: A Self Development Experience" for freshman and sophomores, a weekly leadership small-group experience during the spring semester. Visit <http://www.k-state.edu/bluekey/activities/catalyst.html> for an application and more information. E-mail applications and questions to bkctlst@ksu.edu by Monday.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Kelline Cox at 10 a.m. Monday in Bluemont 16E.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Zhongwen Tang at 3 p.m. Monday in Kramer 120.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Daba Gedafa at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Fiedler 2116.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Cris Ugolini at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Cardwell 119.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the

doctoral dissertation of Nikki Currie at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Bluemont 368.

The Student Organization for Cultural Studies Student Film Festival will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in K-State Student Union 212. Admission is free. Entries in the "polished film" and "24-hour challenge" categories will be shown.

The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics will be open Thursday if supplies are not depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, www.k-state.edu/lafene, for vaccine dates/times and info.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Matthew James Berg at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 21 in Cardwell 119.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Amanda Meyer at 3 p.m. Nov. 21 in Hale 3014.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Najwa Al Hosani at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 25 in Bluemont 257.

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THE BLOTTER
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Keith Douglas Mitchell Jr., 217 Brooklawn Drive, was arrested at 6:25 p.m. for endangering a child; prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia; cultivation of marijuana; and taxation. Bond was set at \$15,000.
Clifton Mears Rosin, no address given, was arrested at 7:20 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,250.
Lafreshia Brown, 217 Brooklawn Drive, was arrested at 8:20 p.m. for failure to appear and unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$560.
Laverne Dionne Mitchell, 217 Brooklawn Drive, was arrested at 8:20 p.m. for endangering a child; unlawful acts relating to sale or distribution of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances within 1,000 feet of school property; and taxation. Bond was set at \$5,000.
Cory Angelo Sampogna, 1870 Elaine Drive, was arrested at 1:53 a.m. for failure to appear and driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$1,250.

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Changes to FAFSA to create fewer complications for students

By Sydney Eagleton
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The Free Application for Federal Student Aid has long been an intimidating form to complete for students. However, there are plans to simplify the application to both save universities money and encourage more high school students to go to college.

According to the National Student News Service, simplification “can save colleges \$2 billion and promote higher education.”

While the new application will not be put in place for one to two years, measures are being put in place sooner.

The application used to be

paper but was put online, which helped filling it out go more smoothly for students and their parents, said Eric Ross, senior academic and post-secondary counselor at Manhattan High School.

On the current application, students still need to provide tax information from their tax returns as well as their parents’. This requires students having access to that information and also leaves room for human error.

Amanda Sherraden, senior in secondary education, said to finish her FAFSA, she has to ask her father for a lot of information and that makes the process take longer.

However, the simplified ver-

sion would eliminate that step.

“Some of the simplification will involve a match with the student’s application against IRS records,” said Larry Moeder, director of admissions and student financial assistance. “That will save the student and the parents a lot of time, and the info will be correct the first time.”

The current FAFSA has 102 questions for students to answer. These questions include information from tax returns, the students’ demographic information and an estimation of the value of the family’s assets.

Sherraden said the form takes a couple of hours to complete with her dad, but up to three hours if she fills it out herself.

The plan for the simplified version has only 27 questions with the elimination of information that can be obtained from the IRS, according to the NSNS. This could eradicate the intimidation factor of the application and encourage more students to apply.

“It’s intimidating and somewhat of a challenge at times,” Moeder said. “However, it is the only application that the federal government supplies for applying for federal student aid. It can present a challenge for families.”

Not only would the changes make the form easier for students to fill out, but they would keep student information more private by reducing the amount

of copies made of sensitive information.

Sherraden suggested making the form more student-friendly to fill out. She also said the current form doesn’t take into account that many students pay their own tuition and therefore shouldn’t have to use their parents’ information, because it causes students to miss out on potential financial aid.

The new version of the application takes that into account.

“The main changes were clarification and for kids that already have independent status,” Ross said. “That’s always an issue and there’s been improvements on that.”

UPC and Saudi Club collaborate to educate K-State students about culture, traditions

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Saudi Club and the Union Program Council came together Thursday to present the November Uniting People and Cultures event on Saudi culture.

The hour-long event took place at noon in the K-State Student Union Courtyard.

“I hope that me being here will help Americans see how Saudis really are and behave,” said Mansour Asiri, sophomore in mechanical engineering. “We are not that different.”

The celebration included a performance of the traditional Saudi folklore dance called the Ardha. Saudi Club members wrote names for audience members in Arabic. There was also an area for observers to don traditional Saudi dress and take photos of themselves.

The presentation included a 10-minute Saudi slideshow presentation, as well as traditional Arabic dishes provided by the UPC, who paid for all the festivities.

The food consisted of traditional Saudi dishes, curry chicken, tabouli and baklava. The Saudi Club also offered Arabic coffee and dates.

“Arabic coffee and dates are usually found everywhere in Saudi Arabia. Coffee is a symbol of respect and generosity and are always served together,” said Meshari Alnahari, senior in mechanical engineering and president-elect of the Saudi Club.

The Saudi Club consists mostly of Saudi natives or people of Saudi descent. The club is sponsored by the Saudi Cultural Mission based out of Washington, D.C., and is group for Saudis and others to preserve and celebrate the Saudi culture.

“Some Americans may be think that Saudis are still living with camels and in the desert. So we are letting them know that we have made a lot of improvements in Saudi Ara-



Dressed in a Shomagh, the name for traditional Arab head-dress, K-State student Darius Jackson shares a joke with Muhammad Alyami. Students were encouraged to try on different garments and have their photo taken with members of the Saudi Club.

bia,” Alnahari said. “Also, we hope to let them know about our daily habits.”

Alnahari served as the event’s coordinator.

The Ardha dance begins with a line of poetry, which is sung and repeated. The performers traditionally wield swords, but they were not part of this particular presentation.

“Swords were used for dancing and celebrating instead of fighting after King Abdullaziz united Saudi Arabia, just to show the good picture of celebrating,” said Bayram Mohammed, sophomore in industrial engineering.

The Ardha Thursday consisted of four different performances. The first was the Najdi Ardha, which is the official dance of Saudi Arabia; the second, called the Hejaz Ardha, came from the western region of Saudi Arabia; the third came from

the southern region of Saudi Arabia; the fourth came from the Eastern Province, said Saud Alfahaid, sophomore in electrical engineering.

Alfahaid is the current president of the Saudi Club.

“The Ardha used to be performed before warriors would meet their enemies in battle,” Alfahaid said. “It demonstrates that they have no fear of fighting and it is used to stir up enthusiasm amongst soldiers and leaders.”

The Saudi Club and UPC encompassed a wide variety of Saudi culture in the hopes of promoting a better cultural understanding.

“I always like when K-State does anything to bring other people’s culture to campus,” said Melanie Hall, sophomore in pre-medicine and psychology.

SGA funds two Christian outreach trips

By Steven Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Student Governing Association senators discussed two trips sponsored by Christian campus groups.

Funds were allocated unanimously to send Ichthus Campus Ministry to Oklahoma City to “meet the needs of the homeless.”

Also, funds were allocated to send 30-40 students from Campus Crusade for Christ to attend a Christmas Conference in Denver to learn more about their faith. Though no specific outreach plans were named, student senator Piper Hoskins said that students would also “serve the needy” in inner-city Denver.

Senator Piper Hoskins presented the final allocation, which was a celebration led by the Indian Stu-

dents Association.

“Promoting this event is in essence promoting four different events which should be well attended,” Hoskins said.

New legislation included the announcement of a presentation by the awareness group Inspiring Community Awareness Now. Two speakers, an HIV-positive man and his HIV-negative wife will share their personal experiences and inform students of the risks of HIV in a presentation called “A Boy, a Girl, a Disease.”

Student body president Lydia Peele announced there would be a 3 percent decrease in the SGA budget in accordance with Governor Kathleen Sebelius’s monetary adjustments to higher education funding. Peele also projected an additional 7 percent budget reduction for the following year.

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Game over

U.S. Postal Service monopoly is outdated



FRANK MALE

The U.S. Postal Service has a long and storied tradition. It was first authorized by the Continental Congress, and the first Postmaster General – Benjamin Franklin – was in the line of presidential succession.

In the early years, the U.S. Postal Service had no competition, resulting in a monopoly. It was one of the largest employers in the nation, and is now only behind the Pentagon and Wal-Mart. Let's just say it was powerful.

According to the Cato Institute, the Post Office of the early years was designed to take profits off of mail delivery and distribute them to special interests. The prices were exorbitant, which led to competition from private companies. These private mail carriers introduced the postage stamp and other important innovations.

The tricky thing about being a private mail carrier is that you're trying to turn a profit while going up against a competitor that gets to make the rules.

When private companies made enough of a dent in the USPS's profit margins, the government set up a series of laws codifying a post office monopoly over mail delivery, then closing each and every loophole they could find. With that, the government "saved" us from a private postal system.

Fast forward about 200 years, and we are starting to see similar trends. There is competition from e-mail and private corporations, causing trouble for the profit margins. We've seen innovations coming from FedEx and UPS when it comes to non-letter mailings, and yet there are still two groups of laws preventing true competition.

These are the Private Express Stat-

utes and the mailbox access rules. No private party is allowed to deliver letters, and mailboxes are for use only by the USPS.

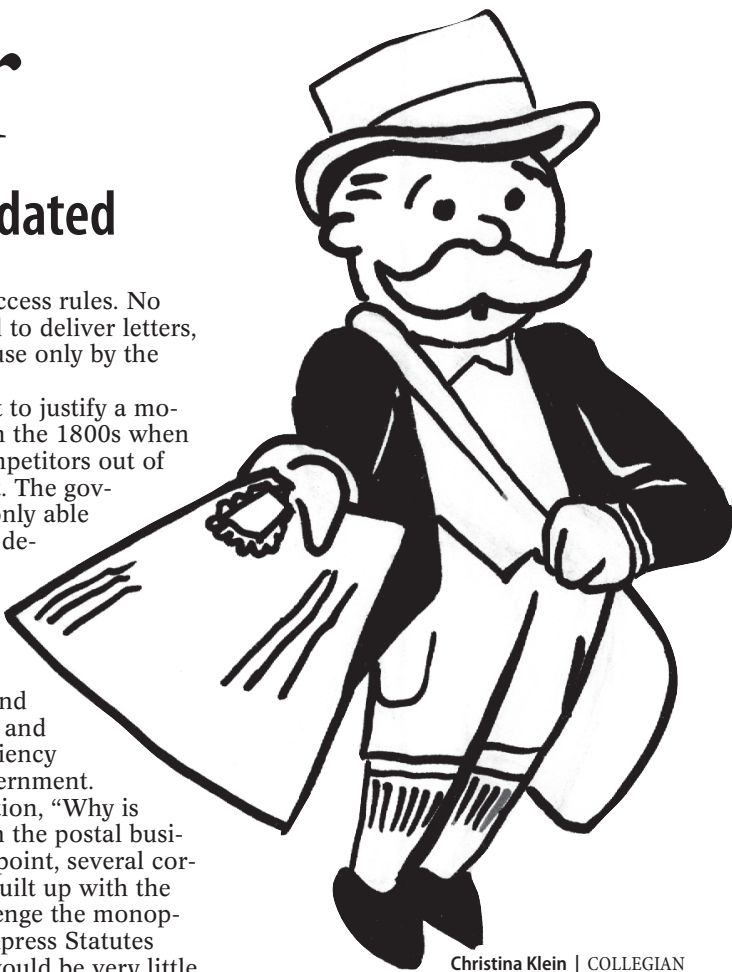
It is just as difficult to justify a monopoly now as it was in the 1800s when the USPS squeezed competitors out of the market through fiat. The government is hardly the only able body when it comes to delivering letters. FedEx and UPS already have the infrastructure built for parcel delivery; they could almost immediately expand into first-class letters – and likely with greater efficiency than shown by the government.

This begs the question, "Why is the government even in the postal business anyway?" At this point, several corporations are already built up with the ability to directly challenge the monopoly, if only the 1845 Express Statutes were repealed. There would be very little disruption in the marketplace.

Thankfully, the USPS has gotten out of the business of channeling profits toward political allies. The basic reason behind the Post Office's continued position as not simply a governmental business, but a legal monopoly, is simply that it has been in that position all these years.

Fostering competition would inspire greater innovations in mail delivery, more timely arrival of mail and lower costs. When competition was allowed, this was true, and it can be again. The UPS online tracking service, for example, might be expanded to include post. There really isn't a downside to allowing private companies to compete directly with the USPS, as long as your name isn't Uncle Sam.

However, the likelihood of the government actually removing the legal monopoly in the near future is practically zero. Governments just aren't known for giving up powers that they have granted themselves, especially after enjoying 100-plus year monopolies. The 20th Century, in particular, largely had consisted of governmental roles expanding in myriad ways and shrinking in few.



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There's the sentimental value of a government entity began by one of the nation's founding fathers. Also, there are approximately 800,000 employees of the USPS, many of them unionized. These employees are liberally sprinkled throughout the United States, in every single county. The union is just about as likely to allow private competition as it is to shoot itself in the foot with a large caliber rifle, because the results would be much the same.

And so here we are, saddled with a government system that is largely a historic anachronism. It isn't that the USPS can't compete with private companies: It already does in parcel delivery. The government simply won't allow people to deliver their own mail.

Imagine a world wherein you can become a criminal simply by taking an invitation and putting it in your neighbor's mailbox. That is the world we live in.

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Mind placebo plays major role in premature drinking habits



JOEL CAMPBELL

It's inevitable. At almost every social gathering I go to, there is always that token "prematurely drunk" person. He or she is conversing in a tone loud enough to deafen others, sloppily attempting the Cupid Shuffle and spilling drinks all over the place.

Sometimes I wonder to myself, "How are you this inebriated when it's only 8:30 p.m. and you just started drinking?"

This kind of behavior drives me crazy. I don't understand how one can get so intoxicated off such a minimal amount of alcohol. I mean, I know just as well as anyone that "light-weights" exist, but really? One beer and you are passing out? Give me a break.

Here is the point I'm getting at: These people come to outings with intentions of getting "wasted." They didn't want to waste the party's precious five- to seven-hour window of time trying to grab attention, so they just cut to the chase, and put on the "Hey, I'm Drunk" show.

This brings to mind placebos – and how often people convince themselves they are feeling a certain way.

According to psychologicalscience.org, a study of 148 undergraduate students was performed to test their memory while they were intoxicated. Once split into two groups, half were

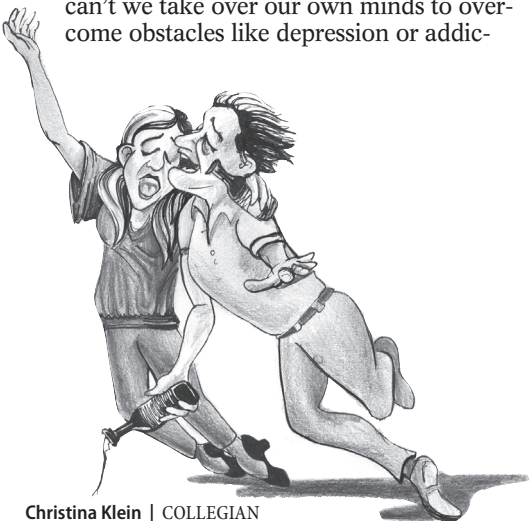
informed that they were getting a vodka tonic while the others were advised that they were receiving tonic water.

In reality, all the students drank plain tonic water.

After they were finished drinking, the students were instructed to view a slideshow depicting a crime and read a summary of the event as well, followed by a summary by the student.

The study concluded the "drunk" half of the crowd proved to be a much worse batch of eyewitnesses than the other. The time in the experiment came when they were all informed that they were, in fact, sober; many were in shock because they said they legitimately felt intoxicated.

The human mind is a complicated device. We, as a species, have the capability to convince ourselves so deeply of something that it becomes a reality. If this is the case, then why can't we take over our own minds to overcome obstacles like depression or addiction?



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tion? I think it's possible.

If someone wants to convince themselves they are drunk as an excuse to do stupid things, they are going to go to extreme measures. They will act the part: slurring their words, swaying to and fro and prancing about, stumbling and beligerent.

So why couldn't someone who is depressed take these extreme measures in the other direction if they really wanted it to end? They could try thinking positive thoughts, associating with only uplifting and inspiring people and surrounding themselves with as much good as possible, for example.

The point is if we can control our minds to the point where we are convinced we are affected by something, I don't see any reason why we can't be capable of the reverse. Who's to say that it only works one way?

It all amounts to the desire and motivation behind it. I find it hard to believe we are incapable of overcoming our own demons. If we can create them – by taking them on in our minds in the first place – then we can remove them.

Anyway, it's about 9:15 p.m., and I have to go make sure the girl passed out in the front lawn isn't too extremely incapacitated. She's one drink in, half clothed and has wet her pants.

This shouldn't be too hard, though. I should be able to wake her up and convince her that she's not too drunk to get up and walk away from the 20-something people who are gawking at her from the porch.

Wish me luck.

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Me and my boyfriend made out in the library and got caught by a security guard.

Roses are red, violets are blue. Poop is brown, and AZD girls suck.

I'm watching VH1 and Tara Reid is on there, and it just reminds me how much I hate girls from AZD.

Are squirrels evolving? I keep seeing ones with half or no tails; did they mate with lizards?

To the girl standing at the corner of 17th and Fairchild: You are so hot.

Instead of "Wife Swap," can we do "Roommate Girlfriend Swap?"

What's with the arch over the bridge in the nature area?

I took the academic integrity quiz, but I copied off my roommate. Does that make me a bad person?

Hey, girl I honked at at the Rec, I don't know you. That's all.

All taste, no waste. The Derb forgot to insert "bad" between "all" and "taste."

Whoever said that "Cash Cab" is the greatest show ever, I want to be your friend.

Hey, Fourum, how do you grow a "My Little Pony?" With "My Little Pony" seeds.

To the bald-headed Russian: Your "Brady Bunch" sweater is really hot.

Am I the only one wondering what the purpose of the red leaves outside of the Derb is? It's poetic, but I'm curious.

Hey, bakery boy, can I have my usual?

Hey, "You Suck" author, you kind of suck.

God, please send us rain to extinguish all the cigarettes in the world.

I need an intervention.



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BEST OF THE FOURUM

Ah, the holiday season. We're drifting closer to it; a time for family, friends, giving — and an immense amount of projects, tests and stress. Lucky for you, the Fourum doesn't get stressed and is always here to soothe your frayed nerves. Here are the more interesting comments of the week.

“Now that McCain lost, Sarah Palin should pose for Playboy.”

That would only be acceptable if the photo spread somehow included a moose and rifle. That would be fitting.

“I just met this super hot girl. Too bad you can't put a paper bag over personality.”

That's a wonderful idea. Then the world could be filled with gorgeous people with the personality of a paper bag. Oh, the excitement.

“Am I the only person who sings out loud while walking around campus when no one else is around?”

Well ... probably. Or maybe we just don't want to admit it. The world might never know.

“Instead of 'Wife Swap,' can we do 'Roommate Girlfriend Swap?'”

Interesting thought, a family show with a nice “college” twist. It would be similar, but minus the weird, obnoxious children and adding in a lot of drunkenness and girls saying, “like, totally!”

“This is to my brown-eyed boy. A year ago I asked you out through the Fourum. Now I'm just calling to say I love you, and it's been a great year.”

After a plethora of “let's have sex” and “boy looking for a hot girl” comments, it's nice to see that we have actually helped people out. Very refreshing. Our bill is in the mail.

What's hot?

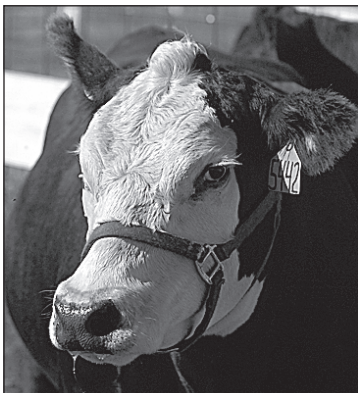
K-State's Top-5 majors for students reflect U.S. statistics

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#1 - ANIMAL SCIENCE

"I think so many people choose ASI because of the relevancy it has to the state and national economy," said Whitney Revell, graduate student in animal science. "ASI has extremely qualified staff who can relate the information to you so that you want to learn it."

"I chose ASI because I wanted my classes to be more about the animals," said Lauren England, 2008 graduate in animal science. "I want to become a veterinarian and either work for a private practice or the state."



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#2 - BIOLOGY

"I chose biology because it opens up a lot of possibilities for graduate school, the health field or science field," said Emma Schaefer, senior in biology. "It prepares you for a large variety of things; I want to be an administrator at a hospital."



"We have to recognize that this is an aging society, and caring for this population is part of the service industry," said Daniel Kuester, assistant professor of economics. "If you have skills in medicine, those will be a good career path because of the increasing demand for health care."



#3 - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

"I chose mechanical engineering because it was the most versatile, the teachers care, and the job placement is really high," said Kimya Cartlege, senior in mechanical engineering. "I will be working at General Mills as a systems engineer, project engineer and maintenance supervisor in a rotation."

"Mechanical engineering is more broad-based and flexible, so students can work in more fields," said Erin Carlson, academic project coordinator for mechanical engineering. "There is a high demand for mechanical engineers with more diversified job opportunities."

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#4 - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

"I wanted to be a positive role model, and it's a rewarding career for people who want to help others," said Maggie Fisher, senior in elementary education. "K-State has an excellent elementary program; the faculty and my peers are very supportive."



"People who are interested in nurturing kids generally prefer kindergarten to sixth grade," said Paul Burden, chair and professor of elementary education. "Job markets are getting better for elementary teachers because the baby boomers are retiring and there are more openings and choices."

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#5 - LIFE SCIENCE

"I chose life science because I'm also pre-nursing and it overlapped well with my nursing pre-requisites," said Kelsey Coen, junior in life science. "It just gives you so many options, especially with your upper-level courses."

"Life science is well-suited for a segue into a health career," Watt said.



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By Annie Dwyer
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

College students choose majors for many reasons, most often because they are interested in a specific career path. Some students base this decision on job opportunities and salary, while others seek a field that suits their variety of interests.

An Oct. 27 article on *cnm.com* shows this trend with its "10 most popular majors and what they pay." Most majors that made the list were service-oriented and related to business, health, political science, communications, engineering, education and economics.

K-State students follow this national trend in their preference for declaring biology, life science, elementary education and mechanical engineering as majors. However, the popularity of the animal science and industry major at K-State gives the school its own spin on the top-majors list. This exemplifies the excellence of K-State's College of Agriculture and the reputation of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

"I chose animal science because I knew when I started undergrad that I wanted to go to vet school," said Whitney Revell, 2008 graduate in animal science. "I really feel that the education I received during ASI undergrad has enabled me to do my best now."

At K-State, students have several resources available to help them explore their interests. Academic advisers for open option can guide students without setting them back, and students can also seek assistance from the Academic Career and Information Center or Career and Employment Services.

"Students should understand that it's not critical to have the exact major they plan to graduate in on day one," said Larry Moeder, director of admissions and financial aid.

The current economic climate and a rising unemployment rate does not ease students' decisions either. Demand for certain fields of expertise can affect the choices students make about majors. Job markets for the most popular majors at K-State are experiencing growth, and demand is high.

"The economic climate influences the decisions [students] make about majors," said Susan Watt, pre-health academic adviser. "They always ask, 'What can I do with this major?' and I tell them to always have a plan B."

Though the Bureau of Labor Statistics states that the U.S. unemployment rate is 6.5 percent and on the rise, there is good news for college students.

"The average college graduate is twice as likely to find employment than the average person in the labor

force," said Daniel Kuester, assistant professor of economics.

The effect of a student's major on their career path depends on the career. While choosing a major is important, it's not the most significant factor in a student's education.

Communication and interpersonal skills are equally important for a person's career as their specific curriculum, and these skills can easily be learned through general education requirements. According to Watt, the more well rounded a person is, the more marketable they are.

"I think our career choices in this day and age are driven by job availability," said Pat Bosco, dean of student life, "and the general feeling that our students want to help others, particularly in health-related fields."

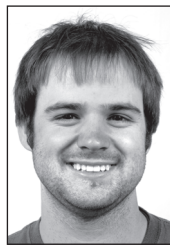


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LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

More adventures with friendly hitchhiker lead to Texas excursion



ADAM
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Heading south on Interstate 135, we had passed Wichita and were approaching Oklahoma City.

It turns out our hitchhiker, Aaron, does this sort of thing all the time. We learned all kinds of crafty travel trips from this guy. He seemed to know something about someone everywhere in the world.

He had been all over the U.S. and Europe and has done everything from cable-skiing in Oklahoma to commercial fishing in Alaska.

He said he had found the "love of his life" in the streets, (he seemed to be a romantic like my-

self), and had even gotten beaten up with her and maced — never see her again. He didn't even catch her name. I love it.

Oh, he's also hitch-sailed (if you can imagine) from Key West to Panama and back, and soon he's planning to move to New Zealand to run a youth hostel his friends recently converted from a castle.

In Norman, Okla., we had lunch with a friend of his who tends to get lost in the woods on bike rides. He was nice. We ate at Braum's. It was awesome. It is imperative that Manhattan get one. By this time, I was driving and was adamant about going the distance without stopping for gas. I bet Lucas \$5, and I guarantee I would have won had he not started whining that we fill up. We made it to Denton, Texas, with two gallons to spare. We had it easy. Easy.

In Denton, we met another of the hitchhiker's friends and played half a round of disc-golf with him. I'd like to believe I won.

It was there we learned how

ridiculous the state of Texas is. I was told that it's completely legal to ride in the bed of trucks, so we did. Riding around in the back of a truck on a freeway is a beautiful thing. It's terribly unsafe, but so is caffeine.

I guess open containers while driving are legal, too, provided you don't exceed the legal blood alcohol content. What is going on in Texas?

We soon said our goodbyes to our dear hitchhiker, but not before being invited to join in his annual hitchhiker's race from Texas to North Carolina in May. I'll be there. You should, too.

From Denton, Lucas and I drove to Fort Worth to meet a lovely lady whom I've known for years. Kristen was bringing her roommate to meet us downtown for dinner and drinks. Now bear in mind, Lucas and I started off this day with the intention of doing some construction work.

Needless to say (though apparently I'll say it anyway), we hadn't bathed in at least 24 hours, and

were wearing dirty clothes and pretty much looked despicable. The sheer fact they were girls and had showered that day meant we were in trouble. We stopped at CVS, bought some spray-on deodorant and hosed ourselves down. Fresh.

Dinner was great and the girls were lovely. We ate at a place that would have been classy, save for the classless waitresses. One fell down; I laughed.

From there, we followed Kristen and her roommate to their home in Granbury, Texas, which until we got there we thought was Cranberry, Texas. We stayed up till 4 a.m. playing a game we made up while getting sloshed.

The next morning, I was awakened by a Great Dane named Ed who was trying to snuggle up to me. Kristen's dog acts like any other dog, but being as big as me, it made things difficult to handle. He knocked me over twice.

That afternoon, we were supposed to go to work with her at a Fossil Rim place where apparently

I was going to get to pet cheetahs. Exactly. Cheetahs. How awesome would that be? What did you do today? Oh, nothing really — did some laundry, washed the car, played with cheetahs.

Unfortunately, she was told she didn't need to go in that day, so we headed north again.

The ride back wasn't much to mention. It just wasn't the same without our little hitchhiker; we listened to a lot of AM radio.

We did get lost in Oklahoma City, but we found a Braum's, so everything worked out wonderfully.

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WHAT HAPPEND TO THE HITCHHIKER?

Read his e-mail to Adam under the EDGE tab on our Web site.

Martin announces recruiting class

K-State men's basketball coach Frank Martin announced the signing of four high school seniors to National Letters of Intent on the second day of the fall signing period on Thursday.

The four-man recruiting class, which is considered one of the nation's best classes, includes Jordan Henriquez (Winchendon (Mass.) School/Port Chester, N.Y.), Wally Judge (Arlington (Fla.) Country Day/Washington, D.C.), Rodney McGruder (Arlington (Fla.) Country Day/Washington, D.C.) and Nick Russell (Grace Preparatory Academy/Arlington, Texas).

"It is an exciting time for us at Kansas State," Martin said. "All the hard work by the assistant coaches to go out and promote our program and sell K-State to potential recruits - it comes through in a recruiting class that we are extremely excited about because of the make-up of kids as people and what we think of them as players. It was important with this class that we continue to add athleticism to our team. We have done that when you consider the guys that we have signed."

The headliner of this class, Wally Judge, is a 6-foot-9, 220-pound power forward originally from Washington, D.C., who is entering his second year at Arlington Country Day in Jacksonville, Fla. Judge was rated as a top 25 recruit by several recruiting services, including the No. 17 prospect by ESPN Scouts, Inc. and No. 23 prospect in the Rivals150 by Rivals.com. He was also rated as an ESPNu Top 100 recruit. In addition, he is ranked among the top-10 at his position, including No. 6 by ESPN Scouts, Inc. and No. 9 by Rivals.com.

— K-State Sports Information

A new beginning



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Jacob Pullen, number 0 guard for the K-State men's basketball team, prepares to pass the basketball around one of the Washburn players during the second half of the exhibition game Sunday evening.

Mens team gets ready for season, looks to build on last year's success

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's basketball team officially will begin the 2008-09 season this weekend with games against the Florida A&M Rattlers and the Southeast Missouri Redhawks.

K-State begins the season with four of its first five games in Manhattan.

"For the past four weeks, we have been beating up on each other in practice," head coach Frank Martin said. "We are ready for some live action."

The Wildcats had an exhibition game against Washburn, which K-State won 81-57. K-State will begin the season with three games in the first six days of the season.

"I like to schedule games like that," Martin said. "It will help us down the road when we have to play back-to-back games in Las Vegas. And it will make us

tougher when Big 12 play starts."

For the first game of the weekend, K-State welcomes Florida A&M to Bramlage Coliseum on Friday. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

Florida A&M returns its three best players from last year's team that went 15-17 last season. Head coach Eugene Harris enters his second season on the bench.

"Harris is one of the classiest coaches in the NCAA," Martin said. "He has some good players returning from last year's team and he also welcomes in a bunch of freshman."

One of those freshman, guard Dale Hughes, already has made his presence known this season. In the Rattlers' exhibition game against Warner Southern College, Hughes made seven of 13 3-pointers and scored 30 points - FAMU won 79-71.

Senior forward Lamar Twitty and

junior guard Brandon Bryant had 17 and 11 points respectively and were the only other players in double digits for FAMU.

"Harris always gets his kids to play hard," Martin said. "They will be ready to go."

The second game of the weekend for the Wildcats is against the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks. This is also a home game for K-State and tipoff is set for 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Southeast Missouri State opens its season Friday at New Mexico. The Redhawks were 12-19 last season, but they have gone 2-0 in their exhibition games.

Martin said that he is excited to get the season started.

"We need to show some growth and continuity this weekend," he said. "We need to do the things we do in practice and become more consistent."

VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats look to avenge loss against Longhorns

By Justin Nutter
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When asked about the style of play used by the Texas Longhorns, head volleyball coach Suzie Fritz summed it up in one word.

"Physicality."

Fritz, who became the winningest coach in K-State history on Wednesday, was speaking from personal experience. The Wildcats were overmatched in an 0-3 loss to the Longhorns on Oct. 4 in Austin, Texas.

Texas might be the No. 4 team in the nation, but Fritz said they're just another team.

"I don't put any more value in playing Texas than I put in playing anybody else, and I hope our team doesn't as well," she said. "But they're good, so it's a fun match to play."

The No. 14 Wildcats (22-5, 12-4 Big 12 Conference) will get the chance to even the season series when they welcome the Longhorns (20-3, 13-2 Big 12) to Ahearn Field

House for a Saturday matchup. Action is set to begin at 7 p.m. following K-State's home football game against Nebraska.

"It makes a big difference playing at home," she said. "For whatever reason, we've been far more successful, and I think that the tendency is that you're more comfortable in your own environment than you are having to go into somebody else's place."

The Longhorns have been led this season by a pair of outside hitters. Junior Destinee Hooker and sophomore Juliann Faucette have been averaging 4.24 and 3.05 kills per game, respectively.

K-State has been equally dominant up front, as senior outside hitters Rita Liliom and Nataly Korobkova are averaging 4.22 and 3.29 kills. Middle blocker Megan Farr, also a senior, has been solid for the Wildcats as well this year. Farr, a Manhattan native, is averaging 1.77 kills and 1.25 blocks per game while maintaining a .376 hitting percentage.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats face Conference USA champs

By Britton Drown
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The K-State women's basketball team begins its regular season campaign as the players travel to El Paso, Texas, to take on the University of Texas at El Paso Miners on Friday. Tipoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

Head coach Deb Patterson's squad played two exhibition games in preparation for Friday's season opener. The Wildcats cruised to two victories while outscoring their opponents 155-104 in matches against Washburn and Emporia State.

"Exhibition games are critical elements of preparation," Patterson said in an interview last week. "Playing a Washburn or an Emporia, you are playing two great high-caliber Division II basketball teams."

"It really gives us a chance for some accurate evaluations of our personnel."

Last season, the Wildcats defeated the Miners 66-58 at Bramlage Coliseum during the annual Commerce Bank Classic.

"We took from that loss last year and dissected it, and I think we improved and I think we will improve as a team from playing them this year," UTEP Head Coach Keitha Adams said.

UTEP comes off a banner 2007-08 season, as the Miners were 28-4 and 16-0 in Conference USA, capturing the program's first conference championship.

The Miners have been dominant in home games and will enter Friday's game against K-State trying to protect a 14-game winning streak within the confines of Don Haskins Center.

Patterson's squad will begin the season with three



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Jalana Childs, forward for the K-State women's basketball team, shoots during the exhibition game against Washburn Nov. 2 in Bramlage coliseum.

of its first four games away from Bramlage Coliseum, with the home opener scheduled for Nov. 23, when they take on the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Snyder might be best option for K-State coaching position, to rebuild football program



COLE MANBECK

Bill Snyder is a legend at K-State. He turned around a football program that once had K-State labeled as "Futility U" by Sports Illustrated.

He did the impossible. Yet many K-State fans seem hesitant to welcome back the 69-year-old retired coach.

Many feel he has lost his

touch. They hearken back to his final two seasons at K-State, in which Snyder went 9-13 after winning the Big 12 Conference Championship in 2003.

A lot of fans compare his last two years to Ron Prince's three years at K-State. They say Snyder left the cupboard bare. But he truly didn't.

Consider that in Prince's first year he won with many of Snyder's players. He had two NFL receivers in Jordy Nelson and Yamon Figurs and a NFL linebacker in Zac Diles.

A K-State alumnus made a great point the other day: Bill Snyder rarely got embarrassed on the scoreboard in those last two years. He kept the team competitive in almost every game.

In 2005, a year in which Snyder went 5-6, he was seven points away from being 8-3. Seven points separated that team from going to the Holiday or Cotton Bowl in all likelihood.

His low point was a 59-20 loss at Texas Tech in those final years. In Prince's last 14 games, he has been beaten by more than 30 points three different times while allowing opposing offenses to put up gaudy numbers.

Snyder has been away from the sidelines for only three years. So I must ask, why are K-State fans so afraid to welcome Snyder back to the sidelines?

He hasn't lost his touch. He is still as smart as he once was. Former Oklahoma and Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer

said Snyder was the coach of the century.

He is respected everywhere; Snyder is a prominent figure.

The only problem Snyder had was he was too loyal in his final years. He always had a bond with his assistant coaches. He asked them to work harder than most other assistants in the country. He understood that was what it would take to get this program on track.

His best assistants left to become head coaches at many other programs. He struggled to replace them with adequate candidates at the rapid rate he was losing them.

If Snyder were to return to K-State, one of his main struggles would be to find a good mix of

both experienced assistants to go along with some younger ones who have solid ties to fertile recruiting areas.

However, he knows what the personnel situation looks like. He has been at all the football games this year. He has been taking notes on the team from his seat in the press box.

No one knows how to turn around a downward-spiraling football program more than Snyder.

He has proven it once. Let him prove it again.

Cole Manbeck is a senior in print journalism. Please send comments to sports@pub.ksu.edu.

RANCH | Volunteers touched by riders, personal experiences

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movement helps people. Psychologically it helps with a lot of things. We're not therapists, but it does have therapeutic benefits."

Because the ranch is a not-for-profit organization, donations are accepted and scholarships are provided so no rider will be turned away due to lack of funding. Scroggs said 85 percent of riders are on scholarships.

"Money should never be a reason why you can't ride," said instructor Chelsea Nunn, sophomore in communication

sciences and disorders and pre-occupational therapy.

Nunn said she found inspiration while working with a rider named Jane, a 15-year-old girl with cerebral palsy confined to a wheel chair who had been riding horses at Hope Ranch for two years. Nunn said she could see in Jane's eyes her thirst for life.

Although she is disabled, Jane is still able to ride well and her goal is to one day ride in a regular horse show.

"From the waist up she's a normal 15-year-old girl riding a horse," Nunn said.

Nunn is not the only K-

State student to have been touched by the riders at Hope Ranch.

Maggie Marolda, sophomore in early childhood education, has also enjoyed her time volunteering. She told a story of a quiet rider named Zane who rarely talked, but for whatever reason laughed during an entire session one day, and soon Marolda said she was laughing and having just as much fun as he was.

Applications to volunteer are available at Hope Ranch, located at 3841 W. 69th Avenue, and at its Web site at hope ranchks.org.

YOSAKOI | Group provides more than Japanese dancing

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became so popular that the Japanese made hand-held versions of the castanets to use while dancing.

The group has performed at several venues including K-State Homecoming events, Manhattan High School and the Greater Kansas City Japan Festival. The members said, however, that they especially enjoyed traveling to perform in Japan.

"My favorite memory of Yosakoi is traveling to Sapporo, Japan, and performing in the Yosakoi Soran Festival with the club in June 2006," Riblett said. "Performing in front of thousands of people was scary at first, but as soon as the music start-

ed, it was the best experience." Yosakoi provides more than dance experience; it also provides a look into the Japanese culture.

Greta Kliever, junior in anthropology, said that traveling provides an extra opportunity for education.

"[The trips] are awesome," Kliever said. "That was probably the coolest thing I've done with this club - learning about the culture here and then experiencing it."

"This group has made me step out of my comfort zone and has really given me confidence in life," Riblett said. "I have learned so much from this club. The people are the best and every event or practice is fun for me."

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K-STATE vs. NEBRASKA

Snyder Family Stadium


2:35 p.m. kickoff

A scout's dream

Does the firing of head coach Ron Prince mean this will be the last season for Josh Freeman?

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Gameday forecast



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High: 47 Low: 28

Nebraska (6-4) at K-State (4-6)

Snyder Family Stadium

2:35 p.m. Saturday

History of the series: Nebraska leads, 75-15-2

TV: FSN Pay Per View. Radio: K-State Sports Network.


Player to watch

Josh Freeman has slipped with his offensive production lately, throwing six interceptions in the last three games. He will need to perform like he did earlier in the season to keep up with Nebraska.




BALANCED ATTACK

The versatile Huskers complement a strong running game with consistent quarterback play.



QB Joe Ganz is a threat through the air and on the ground. Ganz, a former Frank Solich recruit, has been surprisingly accurate, with a completion percentage nearing 70 percent.




RB Roy Helu has rushed for 272 yards and averaged 8.5 yards a carry in his last two games against KU and Oklahoma.



2008 NEBRASKA STATISTICS

Passing statistics	CMP	ATT	YDS	CMP %	YDS/A	TD	INT	RAT
Joe Ganz	231	333	2,833	69.4	8.51	19	9	154.3
Patrick Witt	6	8	48	75.0	6.00	0	0	125.4
Marlon Lucky	2	2	24	100.0	12.00	2	0	530.8
Jake Wesch	1	1	8	100.0	8.00	0	0	167.2
Zac Lee	1	2	5	50.0	2.50	0	0	71.0
Totals	241	346	2,918	69.7	8.43	21	9	155.3

Rushing statistics	CAR	YDS	YPC	LONG	TD
Roy Helu	82	566	6.9	57	5
Marlon Lucky	114	470	4.1	58	7
Quentin Castille	70	279	4.0	19 (TD)	4
Joe Ganz	61	153	2.5	33 (TD)	3
Marcus Mendoza	5	45	9.0	35	0
Nate Swift	2	23	11.5	16	0
Todd Peterson	2	18	9.0	16	0
Patrick Witt	3	16	5.3	16 (TD)	1
Alex Henery	1	9	9.0	9	0
Mike McNeill	1	0	0.0	0	0
Niles Paul	1	-6	-6.0	0	0
Totals	347	1,564	4.5	58	20

Receiving statistics	REC	YDS	YPR	LONG	TD
Nate Swift	54	801	14.8	67	8
Todd Peterson	50	599	12.0	36	2
Mike McNeill	23	293	12.7	35 (TD)	4
Menelik Holt	25	278	11.1	25	1
Marlon Lucky	22	275	12.5	69	1
Roy Helu	20	217	10.9	27	0
Niles Paul	17	159	9.4	21	0
Dreu Young	7	98	14.0	55	1
Quentin Castille	7	86	12.3	31	0
Chris Brooks	2	27	13.5	25 (TD)	1
Hunter Teafattiller	3	27	9.0	15	0
Joe Ganz	1	20	20.0	20 (TD)	1
Curenski Gilleylen	2	11	5.5	6	0
Ryan Hill	3	9	3.0	6 (TD)	1
Marcus Mendoza	2	7	3.5	7	0
Wes Cammack	1	5	5.0	5	0
Thomas Lawson	1	4	4.0	4	0
Ndamukong Suh	1	2	2.0	2 (TD)	1
Totals	241	2,918	12.1	69	2

WR Nate Swift is Ganz's go-to receiver. He has sure hands and usually finds an opening on the field, especially if Ganz is scrambling outside the pocket.



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OFFENSE

The K-State offense again struggled to put points on the scoreboard against Missouri. Quarterback Josh Freeman was 18-of-30 passing for just 121 yards, and running back Lamark Brown rushed for only 32 yards on 12 carries, a 2.7 yard-per-carry average. Luckily, Nebraska's passing defense is just as bad as K-State's.

Nebraska comes to Manhattan with the 14th-ranked offense in the country, including the 13th-ranked passing offense led by Joe Ganz and a resurgent rushing attack. The Huskers' only problem could be turnovers. They turned the ball over three times last week against KU but still were able to win.

DEFENSE

K-State faces another top-15 offense this weekend against the Huskers. Other than the Colorado game, K-State has given up at least 30 points in every Big 12 game this season. Don't expect this week to be any different against a balanced Nebraska offense.

After getting blitzed by Oklahoma, Nebraska's defense contained a KU potent offense when the team needed it most. This week, Coach Bo Pelini also reinstated the tradition of giving defensive starters black shirts, which should have them playing inspired football.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K-State has not been able to produce big special teams plays like it did earlier in the season. They will need Deon Murphy to step up to compete with the Huskers.


Nebraska has two solid returners in Nate Swift and Niles Paul, as well as a veteran punter in Dan Titchener who can pin opponents deep in their own territory.

PREDICTION

Nebraska is favored to win the game, but K-State showed improvement on the defensive side of the ball against Missouri. If the Wildcats are able to hold the Huskers to less than 40 points, Freeman might gain back some confidence and make it a game. If he struggles like he has the last three games, K-State will not have a chance against the high-scoring Huskers. Ultimately, Nebraska's offensive ability and improving defense will be too much for K-State.

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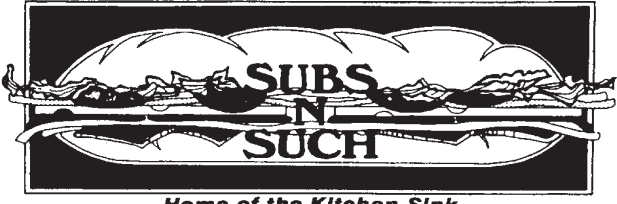
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Quarterback extraordinaire

Freeman’s dream of becoming NFL quarterback could become reality as soon as next season

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Josh Freeman owns nearly every K-State passing record through 30 games as a starting quarterback in the Big 12 Conference. This should come as no surprise to anyone who has been around the junior for an extended period of time.

Freeman, 6-foot-6 and 250-pounds, is a scout’s dream. He has the build of former LSU and current Oakland Raiders quarterback JaMarcus Russell. Russell became the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft two years ago.

But will Freeman leave K-State after just three years? That is a decision destined to be talked about in the coming weeks and months, due to the recent firing of coach Ron Prince.

Scouts see the potential. But could Freeman, who has been inconsistent at times despite having a

view (Mo.) High, while setting 10 school records in his time there.

His performance and size netted him scholarship offers from several BCS schools, including Nebraska and Wisconsin.

While some scouts said Freeman would make a great tight end, most schools recruited him as a quarterback.

“Pretty much all along, I said I was going to play quarterback,” Freeman said. “The teams that weren’t going to offer me as a quarterback didn’t really offer me.”

“A couple of them did and said I could come in as a quarterback. I said I wanted to go and compete to play. There were a couple of schools that said we want you to come and you can play quarterback, and if it doesn’t work out then you can switch.”

Freeman committed to coach Bill Callahan at Nebraska during his senior year of high school. It was a decision that appeared set until Prince came to K-State.



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JOSH FREEMAN



Position:
Quarterback

Year:
Junior

Last season:
Started all games last season.

Memorable achievement:
Has broken almost all of K-State’s quarterback records.

strong statistical season, get better with age? Does he have something still to prove at K-State? Is his legacy complete in a Wildcat uniform, or is something still unfulfilled in Freeman’s mind? These are all questions that need to be answered as his season comes to a close.

But first thing’s first: Freeman has two games remaining this season before he thinks about the rest of his career.

THE RECRUITMENT

Freeman is unsure where he gets his size. It’s likely from his mom’s side, who has both a cousin and a nephew taller than 6 feet 5 inches. His mom stands at 5 feet 6 inches, while his dad stands slightly above 6 feet. But Freeman is hard to miss. He stands over the pack.

He was one of the most sought-after recruits in the country out of high school. Rivals.com ranked Freeman as the No. 4 pro-style quarterback in the country, and the No. 92 player overall. Scouting services can often have their fair share of flaws, but for Freeman, there were no flaws in the systematic ranking.

He threw for more than 7,000 yards during his career at Grand-

WHY K-STATE?

Prince walked into Freeman’s living room. He got an in-home visit with the prep star, something many coaches still hoped to achieve. Prince previously had built a relationship with Freeman when he was still at Virginia.

Prince’s first move as K-State coach was to try and grab the future pro prospect. He was able to convince Freeman almost immediately. Freeman decided to undo his verbal commitment to the Cornhuskers and instead signed a letter of intent with K-State.

“Playing for coach Prince is the bottom line,” Freeman said. “I just wanted to come play for him.”

It was a decision that was scrutinized by Nebraska fans and media alike. Jim Rose, the Nebraska play-by-play announcer at the time, said on his radio show he felt pity for Freeman for making the biggest mistake of his young life. He attacked Freeman, his family and Prince.

Which brings up an interesting point: Does this game Saturday mean a little bit more to Freeman on a personal level?

“It has nothing to do with the recruitment, if it does,” Freeman said. “It’s a win or no post-season game. It’s a playoff-type atmosphere. You either win or you don’t advance. We definitely have to go out and win this one.”

A LEGACY AT K-STATE?

Freeman’s decision to attend K-State is not one he regrets. He has shattered four of K-State’s career records, including passing yards (7,685), pass attempts (1,103), total offense (7,993) and career completions (656).

But he has also faced pressure that most are not put under. He’s been in the spotlight ever since

committing to K-State. He was expected to be the savior to a football team that had struggled in the two years prior to his arrival. Three quarterbacks chose to leave the Wildcat program because of Freeman’s talent. He was thrown right into the fire. He became a starter just five games into his freshman season.

Freeman had his highs and lows that year. The highs came when he completed 22 of 26 passes in a victory at Colorado, and also when he threw three touchdowns in a 45-42 win over No. 4 Texas.

But he followed those games up with poor outings against Kansas and Rutgers. Against the Jayhawks, he turned the ball over six times.

Freeman’s decision to attend K-State has been a focal point for other receivers across the nation when choosing a school. K-State senior receiver Ernie Pierce said earlier this year that part of the reason he chose the Wildcats over other scholarship offers was because of Freeman and his ability to make throws that several other quarterbacks cannot dream of making.

Freeman is on the radar of several NFL teams who need a quarterback. General managers of professional teams along with several scouts have attended the majority of K-State’s games this season to look at the future prospect.

But is the time right for Freeman? He has the statistics, but

wins and losses ultimately define a quarterback’s legacy. He has a 13-17 career record as a starter to go along with a career touchdown-to-interception ratio of 39-34, which is somewhat skewed by his freshman numbers.

NFL A DREAM

A former NFL scout said Freeman will likely do well at the pre-draft combine but is unsure if he is ready for the NFL.

“The talent is obviously there,” said the scout in an e-mail interview. “One thing that must be factored into his decision is how weak the current crop of senior quarterbacks is. He would likely rate somewhat high on the board among underclassmen, depending on who puts their name in the draft. But ultimately, I think he would benefit from one more year in college.”

The scout said that with all the spread offenses in the college game, Freeman might actually be one of the most prepared quarterbacks.

“At K-State, they have run more of a pro-style system than a lot of other schools,” the scout said. “So he is definitely more prepared than some of the other quarterbacks like (Missouri’s) Chase Daniel and (Texas Tech’s) Graham Harrell.”

But now that Prince has been fired, will Freeman want to stick around and play for the next coach? Freeman seems content

with letting the situation unfold.

“I would love to stay and play out the rest of my career for coach Prince, but what it really comes down to is that it is a business decision to move on,” Freeman said. “If I can stay here, depending on the new coach, and progress as a player and get me more prepared to play at the next level, then I’ll stay.”

“But I am going to see who we get and see what the situation is and then move on from there. But I haven’t even gotten close to making any decision.”

Freeman said it always has been a dream of his to play in the NFL.

“I’ve always been a Kansas City Chiefs fan,” he said. “I grew up in Kansas City watching the Chiefs and loving the Chiefs.”

Whether Freeman stays will be up to him. But it is likely that the next coach will immediately sit down with Freeman and discuss his future.

Saturday might be Freeman’s last opportunity to defeat Nebraska, a team who has defeated him the first two times. Then again, if he returns, he could get another shot next season.

No matter what happens, Freeman always will hold strong feelings for K-State.

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Cats look to redeem themselves after last year’s drubbing

By Mike DeVader
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State’s season hasn’t gone the way players or coaches envisioned it, but a bowl game is still a possibility for the Wildcats. A loss against Nebraska though, and they will spend the off-season opening presents at home instead of playing football.

The Wildcats (4-6, 1-5 Big 12 Conference) come into this game against the Huskers having not won a game in nearly a month, losing five of six – four in a row – and dealing with the news coach Ron Prince is now a lame duck.

With all the adversity the team has gone through in just more than a week, the players’ focus is simple as they realize it is time to win.

“Going into this next game, we just want to go in and come away with a victory,” cornerback Josh Moore said. “We are just trying to get bowl eligible – that’s it.”

Prince said the game last year in Lincoln, Neb., was a dark moment for K-State football, as the Huskers pummeled the Wildcats in every aspect of the game and beat the Wildcats 73-31. Quarterback Josh Freeman threw a touchdown to Jordy Nelson and K-State led 7-0, but on the ensuing kickoff, Nebraska tied the game and then stepped on the Wildcats’ throat.

“I thought they kind of ran it up on us, to be honest with you,” defensive end Ian Campbell said. “Coach always says football is a game of respect. I felt like we weren’t given any.”

“We’re all angry, there’s no question about that. All the chips are on the table for a lot of us.”

The Huskers (6-4, 3-3 Big 12) very well could have felt that same kind of anger when Kansas came to Memorial Stadium last Saturday, as bad memories of the Jayhawks beating them in Lawrence, 76-39,



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

K-State kicker **Brooks Rossman** tries to stop Nebraska’s **Cortney Grixby** on his way to a 94-yard kickoff return during the first quarter of last year’s game.

haunted Nebraska. Bo Pelini’s squad came out fired up and played inspired football, redeeming last year’s loss to KU, 45-35.

Quarterback Joe Ganz led a balanced and powerful attack, shredding the Jayhawk defense for 324 yards and three touchdowns. A slew of Nebraska tailbacks rumbled up and down the field on KU for a combined 167 yards, with sophomore Roy Helu Jr. crossing the goal line twice.

Ganz hinted K-State could come out with the same intensity against them that Nebraska displayed against the Jayhawks.

“We had pride when we got beat by Kansas by that much and we came out and played really well,” he said. “I expect nothing less from them to come out and play their best football and try and get back at us for what we did last year.”

Games are usually critiqued by match-

ups and numbers, but for this game, linebacker Reggie Walker said the team needs to do anything and everything to get this win.

“Just get to a bowl game, that’s it,” Walker said. “Get to a bowl game – hell or high water.”

TEAM LEADERS

Passing:

Joe Ganz

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Big 12 breakdown

No. 2 Texas Tech remains atop conference, Missouri strong in North

Heading into the last two weeks of the season, Missouri has basically locked up the North Division barring a major letdown their final games against Iowa State and KU. The South Division is still undecided, but Texas Tech remains in control as the only unbeaten team left in the conference. If Texas Tech loses next week against Oklahoma, the South will not be decided until the final week of the season.

NORTH DIVISION



Missouri: (8-2, Big 12 4-2) AP: No. 12

Last week: Defeated K-State 41-24
This week: at Iowa State
Key Player: WR Jeremy Maclin. After a huge performance against K-State in which he had 278 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns. Maclin will help guide Missouri through its final two games as Missouri controls its own destiny in the Big 12 North.



Nebraska: (6-4, 3-3) AP: not ranked (NR)

Last week: Kansas 45-35
This week: at. K-State
Key Player: QB Joe Ganz: In their 20th straight home in their series against Kansas, Ganz passed for 324 yards and three touchdowns to give the Cornhuskers their sixth win and bowl eligibility. The Cornhuskers are now tied for second in the north with Kansas.



K-State (4-6 , 1-5) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Missouri 41-24
This week: vs. Nebraska
Key Player: Joshua Moore. Moore and the defense have shown improvement over the past few weeks, including their best performance against Colorado. Moore will look to help the defense put together a complete game performance against Nebraska.



Colorado (5-5, 2-4) AP: NR

Last week: Defeated Iowa State 28-24
This week: vs. Oklahoma State
Key Player: QB Cody Hawkins. The sophomore showed his leadership as he took over for the freshman Tyler Hansen in the second half and rallied the Buffaloes past Iowa State. Hawkins and Hansen have been splitting time at the quarterback position.



Iowa State (2-8, 0-6) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Colorado 28-24
This week: vs. Missouri
Key Player: QB Austen Arnaud. Though the Cyclones record doesn't show, Arnaud has improved greatly over the course of the Big 12 season.



Kansas (6-4, 3-3) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Nebraska 45-35
This week: vs. Texas
Key Player: RB Jake Sharp. Sharp has jumped into the offensive scene at Kansas, as he has rushed for 651 yards since Big 12 play began. He only mustered 86 yards in the four games leading up to conference play.

SOUTH DIVISION



Texas Tech (10-0, 6-0) AP: No. 2

Last week: Defeated Oklahoma State 56-20
This week: at Oklahoma (Nov. 22)
Key Player: QB Graham Harrell. The Heisman candidate quarterback has led the Red Raiders through crucial victories against Texas and Oklahoma State in two weeks and will look to come through again in another pivotal match up at Oklahoma.



Oklahoma (9-1, 5-1) AP: No. 5

Last week: Defeated Texas A&M 66-28
This week: vs. Texas Tech (Nov. 22)
Key Player: QB Sam Bradford. In a matchup of stellar quarterbacks, Bradford will look to force a three-way tie for first place in the Big 12 South by knocking off undefeated Texas Tech.



Oklahoma St. (8-2, 4-2) AP: 13

Last week: Lost to Texas Tech 56-20
This week: at Colorado
Key Player: WR Dez Bryant. Bryant has emerged as the Cowboys' go-to receiver after his breakout performance against Baylor. The Cowboys have yet to lose when Bryant has touched the ball more than six times.



Texas (9-1, 5-1) AP: No. 3

Last week: Defeated Baylor 45-21
This week: at Kansas
Key Player: QB Colt McCoy. McCoy has established himself as one of the premier quarterbacks in the nation and has led the Longhorns to their seventh consecutive week in the top five of the AP rankings.



Baylor (3-7, 1-5) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Texas 45-21
This week: vs. Texas A&M
Key Player: QB Robert Griffin. Baylor's freshman quarterback has been a pivotal aspect of the Bears' offense as a dual threat passing and running the ball.



Texas A&M (4-6, 2-4) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Oklahoma 66-28
This week: at Baylor
Key Player: QB Jarrod Johnson. The once-interim quarterback for the injured Stephen McGee has become the everyday quarterback and the leader of the Aggie offense. He will look to lead the Aggies in hopes of winning their final two games on the road against Baylor and Texas.

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73 the magic number for Wildcat defense



JUSTIN NUTTER

For K-State football fans everywhere, Nov. 10, 2007, is a day that will forever live in infamy.

The Wildcats' game against Nebraska had just ended. As the two teams exited Memorial Field on that Saturday afternoon, a giant number 73 was illuminated on the stadium's scoreboard. K-State's depleted defensive unit — once known as the "Lynch Mob" and feared by teams across the nation — had just given up more points than any Wildcat team since 1971.

In just his second start of the season, Husker quarterback Joe Ganz shattered two Nebraska records with 510 passing yards and seven touchdowns as he led his team on eleven straight scoring drives.

By the time the game clock reached zero, the Huskers had racked up 702 total yards — their largest offensive output in over

a decade. It was, indeed, a dark day in K-State's history. The Wildcats haven't defeated the Huskers since a 45-21 win in Manhattan in 2004. Only five players remain from that squad, including defensive end Ian Campbell. Campbell, now a senior captain, said he remembers last year's beating all too well.

"I don't know if you ever forget anything like that," Campbell said at Monday's press conference. "It is the worst loss from pretty much any standpoint for me and about anyone else on this team, and that is something you don't forget about."

As the saying goes, "Victory is sweet, but revenge is sweeter." If that's true, then if I were head coach Ron Prince or defensive coordinator Tim Tibesar, I would post a stat sheet from last year's embarrassment on the locker of every defensive player this weekend. Heck, I might even show them a tape of the game after Friday's practice.

It's hard to point out one defining moment, but it feels like that was the beginning of the end of the Ron Prince era. Since their epic fallout in Lincoln, Neb., the Wildcats

have gone 4-8. They have allowed their opponents to score at least 45 points six times during that stretch and have held the opposing offense to less than 500 yards just five times.

For Prince and his staff, time has run out already. The call to let him go has been made, and everyone has begun to make peace with the decision. But for the players — specifically those on the defensive side of the ball — there is still plenty to fight for.

Saturday's match-up is so much more than just a game for the K-State defense. It's a shot at redemption, a second chance, and for players like Campbell, one last chance. It's a chance to regain respect from a conference rival and to show the country why they chose to don the Powercat every weekend.

Their coach might have reached the end of his rope, but the Wildcats still have 120 minutes of football to leave their mark. The opportunity for success still exists. It's time to see who's up to the challenge.

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Childs discusses state of defense, having a happy demeanor



OFF THE FIELD WITH ERIC CHILDS

By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Eric Childs is a junior defensive end from Arlington, Texas. Childs recently answered questions about being an art major, the firing of coach Ron Prince and giving up 500 yards — again — in last week's 41-24 loss at Missouri.

Q: Against Missouri, you guys gave up 500 yards for the fifth time this season. How does that affect your confidence?

A: It's not really about the yards. You can get as many yards as you can, but it just comes down to what the score is. We just have to take away big plays.

Q: The defense got a couple interceptions this past game. How important is it to get turnovers with the Big 12 being an offense-heavy conference?

A: Turnovers are a really big thing; they can swing momentum one way or the other. It gets our offense on the field while keeping theirs off. I think it's going to be a big thing these next two games that we find ways to cause turnovers.

Q: During the Missouri game you played a lot of defensive end and linebacker, how do you feel about playing both positions?

A: I feel awesome about it. I played linebacker last year, so it's not like it's a change or anything. It just adds different kinds of looks

for the opposing offense.

Q: How has the coaching change affected the team?

A: I don't think it's affected us at all, you know? We're still a team. The coaches leaving isn't going to affect us at all. We're a team.

Q: How important is it to get to a bowl game and send coach Prince out with a bang?

A: It's not really just about sending coach Prince out with a bang, it's more about bringing this team together and doing it for all of us.

Q: Is there extra emphasis put on this game because of what happened the last time you guys played Nebraska?

A: Not at all. We just know we need to come out and win this game; that was last year.

Q: In your spare time, what do you like to do?

A: I'm an art major, so I like to draw and work on graphics on the computer.

Q: If you could tell K-State fans something interesting about yourself, what would you say?

A: I don't know — I'm not that interesting. I like to laugh a lot and tell jokes, that's pretty much me. You're never really going to catch me in a bad mood. If I am in a bad mood, I'm just going to draw about it, so you're not going to hear about it.

5 keys to victory

KEEP IT CLOSE EARLY
In last year's 73-31 loss to Nebraska, the game was out of hand by halftime. The Huskers took a 38-10 lead into the locker room. Whether it's by making stops, forcing turnovers or wasting time with long drives, the Wildcats need to keep it close before halftime.

SUSTAIN DRIVES
The K-State offense has a way of disappearing at times. Three-and-outs force the Wildcats' struggling defense back on the field with little rest. To

have a chance, the Wildcats will need to at least gain field position and waste clock.

CONTROL GANZ
Last year, Joe Ganz threw for 510 yards and seven touchdowns against the Wildcats. Ganz has a knack for big games. Stopping the Huskers will start with limiting him.

GET FREEMAN GOING
Against Oklahoma and KU, Josh Freeman had a combined six interceptions. Last week against

Missouri, he only threw for 121 yards. Freeman is by far the Wildcats best offensive player. They don't have a chance if he can't improve.

HAROLD'S PRESENCE
Brandon Harold has been too quiet the last three weeks. The last time he had a big game was against Colorado when he had two tackles for loss and a forced fumble. The K-State defense needs another performance like that.

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